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representatives of the State and the Central Governments. The Government of India are taking up amendments as recommended by that conference. So far as this State is concerned, there is no proposal to have any legislation in the matter.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, the Hon. Minister just now told us that more auditors would be appointed to check the accounts of these endowments. If it is a Central Government subject, how can the Minister of the Local Government appoint auditors?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Under the provisions of this Central legislation, the State Wakf Board has been constituted and it is functioning. The State Government have also certain functions to perform under the provisions of the Central legislation.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Questions 92, 93 and 94 are postponed.

Package Deal

* 95 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any assessment has been made about the success of the Package Deal introduced in Thanjavur district; and

(b) if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) & (b) A paper [a] is placed on the table of the House.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact, Sir, that the Union Government introduced this package deal for Thanjavur district not with a view to increasing the production of paddy but for the increased consumption of the fertilizer?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : By giving more fertilizer we increase the yield of paddy.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Thanjavur strain of paddy is not able to take heavy doses of nitrogen as instanced by the application of ammonium sulphate as the stalks of the paddy get large and diminish the production or yield of paddy? That is the result of this intensive nitrification of the soil.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : If the hon. Member will put a separate question, I will give a definite answer.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : I can now itself hand over the leaflet issued by the Agricultural Ministry for the consideration of the Hon. Minister. (The hon. Member then handed over the leaflet to the Hon. Minister).

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 319 infra.